

# WILL INVESTIGATE POLICE CRUELTY

## Passaic Strikers, Citing Oppression, Get Habeas Corpus

Following The GRAPHIC'S exposure to the effect that "confessions" had been pried out of innocent textile strikers in New Jersey by brutal and inhuman beatings and threats of the police at Passaic, Paterson, and other cities, Supreme Court Justice Black at Jersey City has issued writs of habeas corpus for seven men now held under heavy bail.

Several investigations may be started today, and public officials responsible for any brutality face dismissal.

Nearly all the strikers taken into the custody of the police report that they were often cruelly beaten and even knocked down in an attempt to force a confession that they were responsible for bomb-throwing, though they asserted they had taken no part whatsoever in outrages.

## Symington Divorce Held Void in N. Y.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 29.—Certified copies of the decree signed by Judge Walter W. Preston at Belair, Monday, divorcing Thomas H. Symington from Mrs. Ida May Symington, as well as testimony taken in Judge Preston's court, were being prepared today for forwarding to the New York court, where a suit for divorce is pending.

Max D. Steuer, counsel for Mrs. Symington in New York, has declared, according to dispatches, that the Maryland decision will have no effect on Mrs. Symington's counter suit when it is called, October 4. Symington's counsel, however, says a New York decision can have no effect on the Maryland decree.

## Bootleggers Evade Law as 'Druggists'

FRENCH LICK, IND., Sept. 29 (By U. P.)—Prohibition regulations of the Federal government were under fire today at the convention of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association.

The government's ruling designating as legal distributors of alcohol any wholesale druggist who had an investment of \$25,000 in the business opened the way for illicit disposal of alcohol on a large scale, Lee Hutchinson of Grand Rapids said.

He asserted scores of bootleggers entered the wholesale drug business so that they might legally obtain supplies for the illicit liquor traffic.

## WOMAN DEAD IN GUTTER BELIEVED HIT BY AUTO

Dr. George Mord, medical examiner, and the police started an investigation today of the death last night of Caroline Rockaw, 60, whose body was discovered shortly before midnight in a gutter near her Sleight Avenue home, Tottenville, Staten Island.

Police believe that she was struck and killed by an automobile.

## \$400,000 FOR FLORIDA AID

Contributions for the relief of Florida storm sufferers, received by the New York Chapter of the Red Cross, neared the \$400,000 mark today. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., contributed \$25,000. John Barton Payne, chairman, said surveys by the Red Cross placed the number of injured at 4,000.

## Seeks to Bar Slain Rector's Amours at Hall-Mills Trial

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half hours of argument on the part of her lawyers, that they must abandon such a line of attack.

### Implicit Faith in Slain Man

"When Edward and I stood before the altar," Mrs. Hall is reported to have said, "we trusted each other. Throughout the years that followed I trusted him."

"I will not believe that he violated that trust. If poor Mrs. Mills thought he loved her she was mistaken. She had made up a relation from her imagination. He only sought to make her come to her senses, just as he would advise any other poor deluded soul."

"As for his loving still other women, I know he did not."

Then came Mrs. Hall's orders that her lawyers and their detectives drop all attempts to prove her husband's unfaithfulness to her.

### Love Never Faltered

If Frances Stevens killed her husband—and the state of New Jersey is confident that she was at



Alex. W. Simpson



Henry de la B. Carpenter

least an accessory to the crime of four years ago—she never once faltered in her love for him. If anything, her love drove her to her desperate action.

Even the clever, merciless Simpson will admit this. His star witness, Mrs. Jane Gibson, gives testimony to it.

And the woman whose hair has turned white under the strain of her prosecution still clings to the love of the girl at the altar. She will not hear him accused of unfaithfulness to her, even if it means her own freedom and that of her kinsmen.

### Freedom at Stake

Despite her protests, however, her many legal defenders, headed by Timothy N. Pfeiffer of New York, and former Attorney General Robert H. McCarter of Newark, will fight to impress upon the clergyman's widow the need for to sacrifice love for freedom.

Distasteful as has been their task, they have recounted to her the rumors of her husband's un-

## WIDE INTEREST IN KIDS' ESSAYS ON PARENTS

### By UNCLE GEORGE

Just to remind you that we are running the most interesting contest ever held by the Jill Jackson Club. Every one is interested in the subject treated. But why delay? Here it is: We will give \$25 for the best, \$15 for the second best, and \$5 for third best answers to the following questions:

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In case you have neither father nor mother, write how you miss them, and what influence you think they would have exerted on your life.

This contest closes November 20 and checks will reach the winners November 23, in time for Thanksgiving.

### GET 2,500 STOLEN CARS

Washington, Sept. 29 (By U. P.)—Justice Department agents recovered 2,492 stolen automobiles, worth \$1,930,709, during the last fiscal year, Attorney General Sargent announced today.

Governors Island. Dickman is reported to have said he was paid off in the first investigation by friends of the Hall family.

### Seek New Eyewitness

Inspector Underwood today is hopeful of questioning a man whom for several weeks the prosecution has designated as "No. 3."

No. 3 is reported to have told a police informant, who is a private detective, that he saw the slayings of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills. He is said to have named all four of the indicted as having been at the scene.

Both the informant and No. 3, who has been hunted in The Bronx, are reported to have once been connected with the Walter R. Burnley private detective agency of 261 West 125th St., Manhattan.

### Detectives Guarded Sector

Burnley has told Prosecutor

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Simpson that Dr. Hall hired his operators to guard him shortly before his death. The agency head has intimated that one of his detectives was present on the old Phillips farm the night of the murders.

The GRAPHIC definitely learned today that Mrs. Hall, unless she should be convicted, will enter the Somerset county jail in Somerville only as a visitor.

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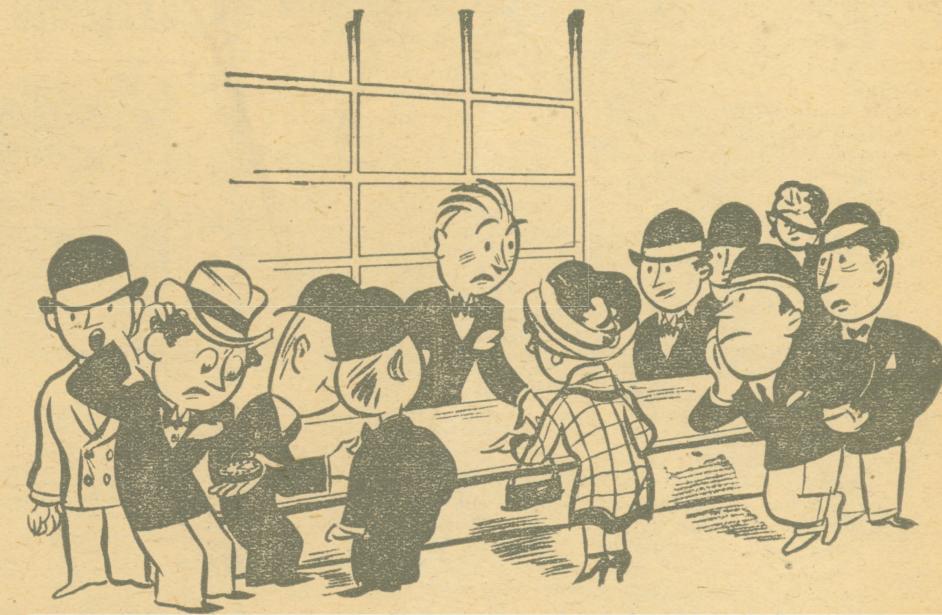
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